

WORLD'S FAIR MAYOR

THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE ANXIOUS FOR THE PLACE.

The Election Takes Place in the Spring, and Five Men, Three of Them Editors, Are Passive or Avowed Candidates for the Nomination.

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It is a big thing to be mayor of Chicago at any time. Next year it will be a bigger thing than ever because of the added patronage and social distinction that the World's fair will bring with it to the city's chief magistrate. It is the early bird that catches the worm in Chicago as well as elsewhere, and, though the election of a mayor to succeed the present incumbent will not take place until April, the campaign is already on.



HARRISON. MEDILL.

Five prominent Chicagoans are at this time avowedly in the field, and how many will enter the lists before the spring election no one knows. In the order of seniority the candidates are: Joseph Medill, of the Chicago Tribune; Carter H. Harrison, of the Chicago Times; De Witt C. Cregier, Mayor Washburne's predecessor; Hempstead Washburne, present incumbent, and Washington Hering, of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung.

Of these men Mr. Medill has been known best and longest by the public. He was the friend of Lincoln and Grant and Garfield. He is a man of force, and he has helped to make the history of his country. Of Scotch-Irish parentage, with a remote Huguenot ancestry, he was born near St. John, N. B., sixty-nine years ago. With his parents he removed to Massillon, O., when but a lad, received the usual common school and village academy education, cast his first vote for Henry Clay, studied law and in 1846 was admitted to the bar. By nature, however, he was a journalist, and he began his newspaper career in 1849. The Coshocton (O.) Republican was his first newspaper, and The Daily Forest City Republican, of Cleveland, was the second. This paper was in 1853 consolidated with The True Democrat, also of Cleveland, and the result was the Cleveland Leader, which was successful from the start and has been prosperous ever since.

The Republican party was organized in Ohio in 1854, and Mr. Medill was prominent in the movement. A year later he went to Chicago, and with two others bought the Chicago Tribune, which to that time had been a losing venture. Mr. Medill's genius and energy, expended alike in the editorial room and the business office, soon effected a change, and the circulation, the influence and the income of the paper grew apace.

During the years immediately preceding the civil war Mr. Medill did all he could to push Abraham Lincoln to the fore, and the future president used to pass many an hour in The Tribune office with his feet on Mr. Medill's desk. After the election of Lincoln and all through the civil strife Medill's paper was an ardent supporter of the administration, and in 1864 he it was who suggested the plan by which the soldiers might vote and in that way saved the presidential election of that year to the Republicans.

When the city of Chicago was still in ruins from the great fire of 1871, he was named for mayor and elected by a practically unanimous vote. The task of restoring municipal affairs to their normal order was a herculean one, but he performed it to the great credit of himself and the growth and glory of Chicago. It would be fitting, say Mr. Medill's friends, for the fire mayor to also be the World's fair mayor of Chicago.

Mr. Medill was also appointed a member of the civil service commission by President Grant at the same time he occupied the mayor's chair, and the strain of the diverse duties of the hour was so great as to shatter his health and send him to Europe for a year's rest.



MEDILL'S CALIFORNIA HOUSE.

Since then Mr. Medill has practically devoted himself almost solely to his newspaper. Of late years he has passed most of the winter months in southern California. His beautiful country house at Altadena, near Pasadena, which was destroyed by fire recently, was built and furnished at a cost of not much less than \$40,000.

Carter H. Harrison's personality is quite as pronounced as Mr. Medill's. His career has been full of variety and push and fight, and he has been the object of fully as much ridicule as praise. But those who like him least must admit that he has been one of those who save this somber world from becoming a hopeless level of monotony, and that he possesses ability of no common order. Reporters should be especially grateful to him, for he has created lots of news. Read this brief summary of biography.

Local information: He was born in Fayette county, Ky., Feb. 15, 1835, educated at Yale, ran a farm for a time, read law, traveled abroad for a couple of years and then located at Chicago. There he was a county commissioner for three years, was elected to congress in 1874, re-elected, and in 1879 made mayor, which office he held for eight years.

When defeated in 1887 he was perhaps the best hated man in Chicago by those who voted against him, and he decided to leave his adopted city and travel round the world. So picturesque a figure could not circumnavigate this globe without attracting a good deal of attention, and he added to his fame by a remarkably clever series of newspaper letters. When he returned to America he was met by a troop of reporters in New York, and his journey to Chicago was one series of interviews. He published a book embodying his roving experiences, which he entitled "A Race with the Sun." He was charged with plagiarism and repelled the charge with his customary vigor. Then he wrote a novel which he called "The Secret of the Big Rock."

In 1891 he ran for mayor against De Witt C. Cregier, the then Democratic incumbent, and was charged with bad faith in so doing. His candidacy defeated Cregier and elected Washburne. The campaign was an extremely lively one and numbered among its incidents a fight with canes between Harrison and Mike McDonald, the noted Chicago gambler. Last year Mr. Harrison bought the Chicago Times, and has had a good deal of fun ever since giving "tit for tat" to those newspaper men who had heretofore had the whip hand of him in print. He is tall and straight, keen eyed, white haired and whiskered, and is a ready and persuasive talker. His daughter Irma, who married Mr. Heaton Owsley, of Chicago, vindicated her parentage by having the nuptials celebrated in Trinity church, New York, on a Friday, and her jewels were opals.

De Witt C. Cregier is three years advanced on the ten that, added to three-score, make up the Scriptural span of human life. He is a native of New York and was left an orphan at thirteen. When scarcely more than a lad he went to work in the engine room of a Long Island sound steamboat, and later was attached to the engineer corps of the United States mail steamship company plying between New York, New Orleans and Havana. It was in 1853 that he took up his residence in the big city by the lake, his object in going there being to superintend the setting up of the big pumps of the city's water supply. For twenty-five years he acted as chief and designing engineer of the city waterworks, then for three years served as city engineer, and then became commissioner of public works, which place he held for nearly four years.



CREGIER. WASHBURN.

In 1887 he left the city's service to assume the management of the West Side railway under W. Russell Jones' presidency. When Mr. Yerkes' combination got control of the railroad Mr. Cregier retired to private life, from which he was summoned by his election as mayor in 1889. During his term of office he seems to have sometimes emulated the renowned Haroun-al-Raschid, whose chief entertainment was found in going about incognito among his people, and they still tell a story of a policeman who had a quarrel with a constable over a writ of attachment and was reproved by an "elderly gent with flowing whiskers," who was a looker on during the altercation.

Larkin was the policeman's name, and he greeted the "elderly gent's" chiding with a profane inquiry as to his identity, greatly to the indignation of the latter, who came within an ace of officially decapitating the impudent officer then and there. Next day the papers printed a portrait of the mayor, and this made his face so well known that his adventures as a Haroun were no longer possible. He is somewhat of a curio collector, and the most highly prized article in his collection is a rusty tin shingle from the roof of "The Hermitage," the residence of Andrew Jackson, who is reputed to have nailed it to the roof with his own rugged hand. Mr. Cregier is a member of the Masons and a great number of auxiliary organizations of one kind and another.

Hempstead Washburne, the present incumbent, is a son of the late Elihu B. Washburne, who was United States minister to Paris during the Franco-Prussian war. He is thirty-nine, but looks younger, and smokes cigarettes, greatly to the distress of some newspaper reporters. He is a man of property, and during his service as chief magistrate of the World's fair city has of course received his share of criticism by his opponents. His election, as above indicated, came about through the rival candidacy of two Democrats—Cregier and Harrison. Before he was elected mayor he had been city attorney of Chicago and ran twice for congress.

Washington Hering, the editor of The Staats Zeitung and son of Anton C. Hering, owner of that paper, believes he will win the nomination because he was to have been chosen in 1891 as a compromise candidate in place of Harrison or Cregier. It is claimed that Mr. Cregier was ready to fulfill his part of the bargain, and that this is what elected Washburne. Mr. Hering is a young man of ability and energy, and has come out in a statement of his intentions in case he is chosen of the World's fair mayor that, if carried out, would satisfy the most exacting.

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